

APPROVED MINUTES
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRINIDAD TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2018 AT TRINIDAD TOWN HALL, 409 TRINITY STREET

I. CALL TO ROLL/ROLL CALL (4:30 pm)

Committee Members Present: Rotwein, Kenny, Ibis, Morehead, and Laos

Committee Members Absent: Cuthbertson, Brown, Myers, and Clayburn.

City Staff: Zetter

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rotwein/Kenny/Laos moved to approve minutes of the August 21st, 2018. *Motion passed unanimously.*

III. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

None

IV. STAFF REPORTS

Rotwein advised that Shirley Laos was appointed as the alternate for the Trinidad Rancheria and Rosie Clayburn was appointed as the alternate for the Yurok Tribe Council.

Rotwein advised that draft documents for trail maintenance and construction/repair have been circulated, but feedback has not been obtained. In regards to Public Works, they would like the monitoring reports to be completed annually. Public Works is also following up with the recent injury that occurred on the Parker Creek trail, as determining who is responsible is a high priority.

Rotwein states that there has been an inquiry from a HSU student, Annika Slattery, requesting permission to use Trinidad Head as a venue for a Hike-a-thon on October 27, 2018; specifically use of the Loop Trail. The inquiry was directed to the City Clerk, Gabe Adams. The committee is awaiting a response.

Laos advised that the parking situation at Trinidad Head will need to be evaluated. Laos is going to inquire with the Rancheria, as they own the lot and a permit will need to be obtained, per grant guidelines. It is assumed that the permit will be required due to the size of the event and the parking situation. Laos advised that she is going to follow up with the student. Morehead questioned if there is a requirement to notify the Rancheria or Yurok tribe when there is an event. Laos advised that individuals need to notify the Rancheria if they encroach.

Rotwein provided information regarding the road on Parker Creek Trail. Currently Mike Reinman and Susan Rotwein are in the process of determining who owns the property/has easements. Current research indicates that the City owns most of the property. It was noted that permitting will be required, as drainage/erosion need to be addressed. Kenny/Rotwein/Ibis discussed reevaluating the Parker Creek Trail, as a sign still indicates that it is closed. It was noted that it is possibly closed due to liability/repair concerns.

Morehead discussed present issues on Scenic Drive, due to the increase in public use. He advised that Luffenholtz Beach, Baker Beach, and Houda Point Beach are seeing a bulk of the problems. There is also a high concern for public safety, due to an increase in arson fires. Morehead advised that we need transparency with law enforcement, and it appears that Humboldt County Public Works and the State Parks Department are no longer able to provide adequate resources/staff. Morehead advised that it is up to the TCLT and City of Trinidad to provide the resources.

Rotwein in response to Morehead's concern with transparency, provided information regarding "Coffee with a Cop," which is being hosted on October 1st in Town Hall. The event will allow the public to discuss local issues with Sherriff Honsal and local deputies. Rotwein advised that there is a problem with

non-emergency calls needing to go to dispatch. Sherriff Honsal needs to address the fact that we cannot wait for Luke. We need to patrol County owned Moonstone Beach.

V. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Trail Monitoring Report: Parker Creek Trail

Kenny discussed that an improvement was made, as the culvert blew out as it was unsafe. Kenny advised that there needs to be a document outlining who owns property/has easements. Morehead discussed more information will be provided in two weeks, as the City and Land Owner are assessing the situation.

Rotwein and Kenny discussed developmental changes (i.e. there needs to be a written agreement in regards to “returning it to the state in which it was found”). Morehead advised that the TCLT has a general management plan for the trail. Kenny discussed the need for sign and “step” maintenance. Morehead discussed the public parking problem. Rotwein recommended formalizing where the public can park and where they can access the trail. Kenny also noted the presence of invasive species, but it is expected as it is close to residential property.

Trail Monitoring Report: Old Wagon Trail/Wagner Street Trail

Rotwein discussed the information provided by Cuthbertson. The overall condition of the trail is poor. Items that need to be addressed are overgrowth of vegetation, signage, and trail ground. The committee discussed that maintaining the vegetation is going to be difficult, as the court order is not being followed by the homeowners. It was confirmed that the Coastal Commission needs to address the problem.

Trail Monitoring Report: Axel Lindgren Trail and Harbor Trail

Ibis advised that erosion and signage need to be addressed. The Committee discussed the ownership of the property. Rotwein stated that the City has an Environmental Quality Act grant (Caltrans) to fix the erosion on the Harbor Trail. Kenny advised that a trashcan should be placed at the top of trails.

Ibis advised that the Axel trail’s stairs are in decent shape, as they are relatively stable, but there is a substantial amount of sand. However, the lower section of stairs is in need of repair.

VI. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Signage Recommendations:

Item was tabled until October.

2. City of Trinidad Trails Policy:

Morehead advised that the Committee needs to allocate time to discuss trail recommendation projects. Rotwein and Morehead discussed how each update will be site specific, but Rotwein clarified that there will be a general plan put in place from which the projects can branch out from.

Laos discussed how the trails policy will trump everything else and that time needs to be allocated for it. It was discussed that after setting guidelines, signage, etc. can be addressed.

Rotwein advised that the policy is number one, monitoring reports are number two, and projects will be number three.

3. Trail Monitory Reports:

Committee members volunteered to complete the following reports:

- Kenny: *Underwood Trail down to State Park Bluff (Ewing Street)*
- Rotwein: *Trinidad Head*
- Morehead: *Wager Street. Trail*
- Ibis: *Axel Lindgren Trail*
- Kenny: *Groth Lane Trail to Parker Creek Trail*
- Ibis: *Harbor Trail.*
- Morehead: *State Parks Trails within City limits.*

VII. REQUEST FOR FUTURE ITEMS

1. Parcels/easements (including locations)
2. Trinidad General Plan
3. Trinidad Trails Policy

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm. Next meeting scheduled for 4:30 on October 16th, 2018.

Submitted by:

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Approved by:

Susan Rotwein
Mayor